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911

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760-931-2201

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760-931-2279

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769-931-2119

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760-931-2177

The mission of the Crime Prevention Unit is: The anticipation, recognition and appraisal of crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.

Let's do it together!

Protecting your iPod touch, iPad or iPhone



With all the portable Apple products on the market, it is common to have products like iPhones, iPads and iPods stolen. The most common place these products are stolen is when they are left unattended inside your vehicle.

There are tools and applications available to you to protect your information if the iPod touch, iPhone or iPad is lost or stolen. Take the time to make use of the security features. For complete instructions and further information go to www.apple.com/support/.

You can use the **free** "Find My iPhone" application on any iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch in your possession to locate one of your other devices. To get started download "Find My iPhone" from the iTunes Store on your computer or from the App Store on your device. The "Find My iPhone" application requires iOS 3.1.3 or later for paid subscribers (iOS 4 or later recommended) and iOS 4.2 for free users.



Or, you can subscribe to Apple's "MobileMe" through "My iPhone" service on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch and if the device is lost or stolen you can:

1. Display your device's approximate location on a map.
2. Send your device a message or make it play a sound.
3. Lock your device between uses and with later versions remotely by creating a pass code. For use remotely, you need to have set-up the "Find My iPhone" application.
 - a. Go to me.com/find and sign in using your Apple ID email address and password. If you're paid subscriber, your Apple ID is

your MobileMe email address (@me.com or @mac.com) and password.

- b. If you're already signed in to a different application on me.com, switch to "Find My iPhone".
 - c. If you set up "Find My iPhone" on more than one device, click the device you want to lock in the devices list on the left.
4. Erase your device remotely to prevent anyone from seeing or using your personal information.

Caution: if you first delete all the information on your device, you won't be able to use "Find My iPhone" to locate your device on a map or send it a message.

If you later find your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch after it has been erased, you can restore your information by connecting the device to your computer and restoring it from a previous backup using iTunes.



If you don't expect to find your iPhone, you should suspend your wireless service through your wireless service provider so you aren't responsible for phone calls or other charges.

If you need to report your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch stolen, you can use "My Support Profile" to find a list of serial numbers that have been purchased or registered with your Apple ID.

Always keep a list of all the serial numbers for all your electronics in a safe location. It is the best way to recover a lost or stolen item as it is the link to you. To report the theft of an iPod touch, iPad or iPhone, call the Carlsbad Police Department at 760-931-2197.

What Safe is Safest?

Choosing the correct residential safe for your needs can be quite a daunting task.

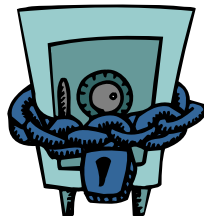
There are a large variety of safe manufacturers and a larger amount of safe types to choose from. The

choices are limitless and can be confusing. Before you start looking for your safe, it is best to know what type of valuables you want to protect and from what do you want to protect your valuables.

Generally there are two types of safes. One is burglar resistant and the other is fire resistant. You can get a combination of the two but these are very costly. All safes, whether burglar resistant or fire resistant, are tested and rated by Underwriter Laboratories (UL) determining their functionality and price.

Safes that are burglar resistant are rated for the different levels of protection they offer. The safes are put through a sequence of tests performed by professional safe crackers. The crackers use a variety of tools and methods to break into the safe. The amount of time it takes to do so will determine the level of protection the safe offers.

These safes feature heavy doors and are made of solid metal that can withstand drilling. The safes need to be resistant to tools that apply pressure, picking tools,



drills and other mechanical instruments including torches.

Also consider where you will locate your safe and how it will be attached to your house to prevent it from being stolen. The best location is an unusual location.

Fire resistant safes are rated based on the length time it can keep its contents below 350 degrees Fahrenheit. These safes are great at protecting against fire but do not protect against burglars. In urban areas where most fires are put out within an hour you can choose a safe that protects against fire for the minimum time period. If you have a house in the country you may want to consider spending a little extra money on a safe that has a longer protection rating.

You will also find a few types of safes that are labeled as "impact rated". To rate these safes they are heated to 1550 degrees Fahrenheit, dropped from three stories onto a pile of bricks and then reheated. To earn this title, the temperature inside the safe should not have reached higher than 350 degrees Fahrenheit and the documents inside the safe still need to be readable.

These are the features you need to consider when buying a residential safe. This is just one tip from many when considering your home security. For more information, go to www.carlsbadca.gov and search "home security".

Monitor your Credit!

Monitoring credit reports is one of the best ways to protect your identity. Identity theft can happen to anyone and how they get your information is not always clear. Here is the best way to check your credit report.

According the Federal Trade Commission AnnualCreditReport.com is the only authorized source for the free credit report that is yours by law.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act guarantees you free access to your credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.



The companies are Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion.

The Federal Trade Commission has received complaints from consumers who thought they were ordering their free annual credit report and yet couldn't get it without paying fees or buying other services. TV ads, email offers, or on-line search results may tout "free" credit reports, but there is only one authorized source for a truly free credit report.

You can request your free report online, by phone or by mail. Visit AnnualCreditReport.com, call 1-877-322-8228, or fill out the Annual Credit Report Request form and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. No matter how you request your report, you have the option to request all three reports at once or to order one report at a time. By requesting the reports separately, you can monitor your credit more frequently throughout the year.

Because the information in your credit report is used to evaluate your applications for credit, insurance, employment, and renting a home, you should be sure the information is accurate and up-to-date. In addition, monitoring your credit is one of the best ways to spot identity theft. Check your credit report at least once a year to correct errors and detect unauthorized activity.

If you see accounts you don't recognize or information that is inaccurate, contact the credit reporting agency and the information provider. For more information, read the FTC's tips on how to dispute credit errors.

If you suspect identity theft, you may need to place a fraud alert on your credit report, close compromised accounts, file a complaint with the FTC, or file a police report. Start by visiting the FTC's identity theft website.

For more information about credit reporting and other fraud prevention topics, go to the Federal Trade Commission's website at www.ftc.gov.